

SERMON SUMMARY

Date: May 27, 2007	7:00 pm Evening Worship Service
Preacher: Rev. Donald Lawrence	Reference: Acts 6: 1-7
Topic: Glorifying The Father of All The Earth... Through Honoring The Father Who Gives Us The Bible	

There comes a time in the life of a church where the church is faced with selecting leaders. Moments such as those seem to beg the question, who is qualified to serve the Church? Thankfully, we have the ultimate guidebook, the Bible, to which we can seek wise counsel.

In this passage we shall notice how the inspired leadership of the church dealt with:

- ◆ factions in the church
- ◆ focus of the leadership of the church
- ◆ further progress of the church

Verses 1-4 seem to point to the type of Men to Lighten the Load. Here we see:

- ◆ The Problem (verse 1)
- ◆ The Priority (verse 2)
- ◆ The Prescription (verse 3a)
- ◆ The Purpose (verse 3b-4)
 - avoid Dissension (3b)
 - avoid Distraction (4)

This serves as a reminder that we honor God by producing evidence of being controlled by Him, which means that we need to have a close relationship with Him. The fact is that **the Bible leads us to fellowship with God.**

In verses 5-6, we are presented with a picture of the type of men to lay hands on.

- ◆ The Consolation (verse 5a)
- ◆ The Choice (verse 5b)
- ◆ The Consecration (verse 6)

Honoring God therefore includes producing evidence of our confidence in Him, which means a closer reliance on Him. The fact is that **the Bible leads us to Faithfulness to God.**

Verse 7 speaks of the type of legacy that is expected.

- ◆ Success (verse 7a)
- ◆ Speed (verse 7b)
- ◆ Scope (verse 7c)

Another aspect of honoring the Father comes by producing evidence through conversions to God, which means constant results for God. **The Bible leads us to Fruitfulness for God.**

We honor The Father who gave us the Bible by choosing leaders and being leaders who are guided by and grounded in God as well as causing the church to grow. Let us resolve to be careful with our connection to God as well as our production for Him.

